

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-27 (Canceled.)

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A packing member for packing an ink cartridge, comprising:

a label sheet, the label sheet including:

a coat of adhesive on a first surface;

a first portion;

a second portion; and

a weakened or cut label sheet portion between the first portion and the second portion,

wherein a part of the second portion is surrounded by the weakened or cut label sheet portion, the first portion and the second portion are configured to be readily torn apart at the weakened or cut label sheet portion, and the second portion includes a hanging portion that includes a hole configured to be hung from a rail; and a release coated paper adhered to the first surface of the label sheet, the release coated paper including:

a first zone;

a second zone; and

a weakened or cut release coated paper portion separating the first zone and the second zone,

wherein a part of the second zone is surrounded by the weakened or cut label sheet portion, and the first zone and the second zone are configured to be readily torn apart at the weakened or cut release paper portion,

wherein when the packing member is adhered to the ink cartridge:

the first zone is configured to be torn apart from the second zone of the release coated paper and apart from the first surface such that the second zone remains adhered to the first surface, and

the packaging member is configured to adhere to the ink cartridge in a manner such that an area of the label sheet, where the first zone is configured to be torn apart from the first surface, is configured to adhere to a portion of the ink cartridge from a first side face of the cartridge up to a second side face of the cartridge via a rear face portion of the cartridge in a turning manner so that a part of the second portion ~~adheres to~~ contacts an ink supplying portion of the ink cartridge to seal the ink supplying portion.

Claim 29 (Canceled).

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the first zone of the release coated paper that is adhered to the first surface the label sheet extends over at least part of the second portion and at least part of the first portion.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the release coated paper includes a plurality of portions that are separated by a plurality of weakened or cut release paper portions that overlap with the weakened or cut label sheet portion.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein a portion of the coat of adhesive on the first surface of the label sheet is partially exposed on a surface of the first portion.

Claim 33 (Canceled).

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the release coated paper includes a third zone located within a perimeter of the hanging portion, the third zone of the release coated paper configured to be separated from the first surface of the label sheet without separating the second zone of the release coated paper from the first surface of the label sheet so that a portion of the second zone of the release coated paper remains adhered to the hanging portion.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 34, wherein the hanging portion is formed by sandwiching the portion of the second zone of the release coated paper that remains adhered to the hanging portion between two sheets.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 35, wherein an end side of the portion of the second zone of the release coated paper that remains adhered to the hanging portion is configured to serve as an assisting line when the hanging portion is formed.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 35, wherein the release coated paper that remains adhered to the hanging portion has an identical shape as the two sheets.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the ink cartridge packed with the packing member is configured to be unpacked from the hanging portion.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the first zone of the release coated paper narrows from a first width just below the hanging portion to a second width narrower than the first width and further from the hanging portion, so that removing the first zone of the release coated paper exposes a wider portion of adhesive at the first width than the second width.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein a second weakened or cut label sheet portion and an end side of the hanging portion are on an identical line.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, further comprising:

a plurality of weakened or cut label sheet portions that are arranged on extension lines of both end sides of the hanging portion.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 41, wherein the plurality of weakened or cut label sheet portions are linked.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the packing member is configured to pack the ink cartridge by separating the first zone of the release coated paper from the first surface of the label sheet, peeling the first zone of the release coated paper across the weakened or cut label sheet portion so that a portion of the coat of adhesive on the first surface of the label sheet is partially exposed, and adhering the packing member to the ink cartridge.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the second portion is configured to seal an ink supplying portion of the ink cartridge.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the first portion is configured to adhere on a joint of an exterior case of the ink cartridge after unpacking the ink cartridge.

Claim 46 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the first portion is configured to be adhered on a separate part that is set in the ink cartridge to cover an ink supplying portion after unpacking the ink cartridge.

Claim 47 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the packing member includes a sheet of adhesive label.

Claim 48 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the packing member is formed by punching in one step.

Claim 49 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the release coated paper includes a plurality of portions that are separated by a plurality of weakened or cut release coated paper portions, and wherein the plurality of weakened or cut release coated paper portion are formed by die cutting in one step.

Claim 50 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein the first portion is formed in a substantially Y shape.

Claim 51 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein information required before unpacking the ink cartridge is indicated on the second portion.

Claim 52 (Previously Presented): The packing member according to claim 28, wherein information required after unpacking the ink cartridge is indicated on the first portion.

Claim 53 (Currently Amended): A combination of an ink cartridge and a packing member for packing the ink cartridge, wherein the packing member includes

a label sheet, the label sheet including:

a coat of adhesive on a first surface;

a first portion;

a second portion; and

a weakened or cut label sheet portion between the first portion and the second portion;

wherein a part of the second portion is surrounded by the weakened or cut label sheet portion, the first portion and the second portion are configured to be readily torn apart at the weakened or cut label sheet portion, and the second portion includes a hanging portion that includes a hole configured to be hung from a rail; and a release coated paper adhered to the first surface of the label sheet, the release coated paper including:

a first zone;

a second zone; and

a weakened or cut release coated paper portion separating the first zone and the second zone,

wherein a part of the second zone is surrounded by the weakened or cut label sheet portion, and the first zone and the second zone are configured to be readily torn apart at the weakened or cut release paper portion,

wherein when the packing member is adhered to the ink cartridge:

the first zone is configured to be torn apart from the second zone of the release coated paper and apart from the first surface such that the second zone remains adhered to the first surface, and

the packaging member is configured to adhere to the ink cartridge in a manner such that an area of the label sheet, where the first zone is configured to be torn apart from the first surface, is configured to adhere to a portion of the ink cartridge from a first side face of the cartridge up to a second side face of the cartridge via a rear face portion of the cartridge in a turning manner so that a part of the second portion adheres to contacts an ink supplying portion of the ink cartridge to seal the ink supplying portion.

Claim 54 (Previously Presented): A method for packing an ink cartridge with a packing member, the method comprising:

cutting a label sheet so as to create a weakened or cut label sheet portion between a first portion and a second portion of the label sheet;

applying a coat of adhesive on a first surface of the label sheet;

cutting a release coated paper to create a weakened or cut release coated paper portion separating a first zone and a second zone of the release coated paper;

adhering the release coated paper to the first surface of the label sheet;

removing the first zone of release coated paper from the first surface of the label sheet so as to partially expose the coat of adhesive; and

adhering the packing member to the ink cartridge,

wherein the cutting the release coated paper and the adhering the release coated paper are performed so that a perimeter of the second zone of the release coated paper is entirely within a perimeter of the second portion of the label sheet.

Claim 55 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 54, wherein the cutting the release coated paper and the adhering the release coated paper are performed so that the first zone of the release coated paper that is adhered to the first surface the label sheet extends over at least part of the second portion and at least part of the first portion.

Claim 56 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 54, wherein unpacking the ink cartridge that is packed with the packing member comprises:

tearing off a portion of the packing member by pulling the portion in a specific direction.